

chance to vote for Mike Leavitt as EPA Administrator.

May I add just a personal note, Mr. President? I was elected Governor first in 1978 in Tennessee. Since then, I have known more than 200 Governors, probably served with 80 or 100. Only a handful of those Governors, some on each side of the aisle—Democratic and Republican—have really understood the job, have used that office to set a clear agenda to develop a strategy to meet the agenda, and then persuade at least half the people they are right. All three of those elements are being part of being a good Governor. Those Governors have transformed their States.

Mike Leavitt is one of those Governors. Because of that, he was elected to be the chair of the National Governors' Association. He would not have been elected, and he would not have succeeded in the job if he had not been able to work with both Democratic and Republican Governors. He has earned and shares the respect of all who have known and worked with him. He is one of the outstanding State leaders of the last quarter of a century. He has a great sense of balance. He has an imaginative sense of what is possible, and he has an excellent ability to persuade half that he is right, which is a very important part of doing that job.

I am very pleased to see him coming to Washington, and I am delighted with President Bush's appointment. I wanted to be among the first to welcome him here. I thank the Chair.

CEASAR SALICCHI

Mr. REID. Mr. President, in 1970, a young man in Elko, NV spent \$365 to run for the position of Elko County Treasurer.

That was the last time Caesar Salicchi ever had to spend a dime in a political campaign . . . and the last time he had an opponent.

Since then, Salicchi has won eight additional terms as county treasurer. Overall, his career in public service to the people of Elko County has spanned five different decades . . . almost 42 years.

For those who have never had the fortune of visiting northeast Nevada, it is in the opinion of many the most beautiful part of the Silver State. Elko County boasts majestic mountains, and unlike most other parts of our state, gets enough rain to provide good range for livestock. So Elko is a prime area for ranching—a place, it would seem, where many beautiful scenes in cowboy movies could have been filmed.

Salicchi is the son of local ranchers Cesare and Nella Salicchi, Italian immigrants who are now deceased. Caesar served in the Army in 1945 and '46, and returned home to start ranching with his father and his brother, Alfred. He married his first wife, Jeanine, in 1950, and they started a family and settled into life on the ranch.

I am sure Caesar expected to spend his life as a rancher, as so many in that

part of the country do. But on December 15, 1952, at age 25, he was stricken with polio. After his recovery, he faced living with disabilities that required him to walk with crutches.

Salicchi vowed that he wouldn't let his disabilities keep him down . . . and they certainly did not. Since ranching was no longer a viable way for him to support a young family, he went to the Reno Business College, earned a degree in business administration, and set out to forge a new career.

His exceptional skills in organization and fiscal management not only allowed him to succeed in that endeavor, but also benefited the people of Elko County.

In 1962, Ceasar was working in the local hardware store on Commercial Street in downtown Elko. A man named Al Haber, the accountant for the county-owned Elko General Hospital, offered him a job as the hospital's business manager.

Ceasar immediately started making positive changes in the hospital's operations. For example, he is credited with bringing the first computer to the hospital, an IBM Model 3. As he continued to look for ways to make things run better, he developed a reputation as a good steward of the public's money.

He decided to run for county treasurer in 1970, promising to modernize operations in the same way he had done at the hospital. The people of Elko County had faith in him, and he won the election. Since then, he has been re-elected eight times without opposition.

Salicchi is a life-long Democrat, and he reminisces with razor-sharp clarity about voting for President Harry Truman after he returned home from his Army tour in 1948.

But the secret to his political success is a personal approach to the job, not ideology.

"I enjoy this job," he says. "Serving the public and friends provides me with personal satisfaction, and service is my main objective."

He has provided tremendous service. At the time Ceasar took office, all of the financial operations at the Elko courthouse were still performed by hand. About 9,000 tax bills were processed by hand, and kept on the treasurer's office counter for people to walk in and pay.

Salicchi's efforts to modernize the office began in 1976 with the installation of the first computer system, and modernization has continued to this day. Earlier this year, following approval from the county commission, the treasurer's office successfully began auctioning delinquent property on the Internet.

Today, Ceasar's office processes more than 37,000 tax bills each year. He also oversees the management and investment of public money. The portfolio for Elko County runs from \$19 million to \$23 million, and the interest and dividends are distributed to the local school district and other public funds.

In the 1970s, when national efforts to protect the rights of persons with disabilities were just beginning, Salicchi served on several Governor-appointed committees to implement those policies in Nevada. That was around the same time I first met Ceasar, when I was running for Lieutenant Governor.

Since then, it has always been a delight to visit Elko and see Ceasar. I was there just a few weeks ago, and I asked him if he was planning to retire anytime soon.

He responded with that familiar twinkle in his eye and sly grin: "Maybe."

But his wife Darlene, who is also his biggest supporter, said, "We'll see about that."

While Ceasar has faithfully served the people of Elko County, his first love has always been his family.

His first wife, Jeanine, passed away on October 23, 1969. In 1984 he married Darlene, whom he had met when they both worked at the county hospital. Their children include Judy Trotter and Chet Gilbert, both of Elko; Tina Snow of Anchorage, Alaska; Dee Dee Kelsey of Aldrich, Minnesota; and Paul Gilbert of Los Angeles. Two sons, Ceasar Raymond Salicchi and Doug Shatto, are deceased.

Ceasar Salicchi has been a fixture in the public life of Elko, NV since 1962. The city of Elko, Elko County, and the State of Nevada are all better places because of a man who doesn't know the meaning of defeat—Ceasar Salicchi.

TRIBUTE TO GREG MADDUX

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to salute a great Nevadan, a great human being and a great athlete . . . my friend, Greg Maddux.

Mr. Maddux pitches for the Atlanta Braves baseball club. Since he went to Atlanta almost 11 years ago, the Braves have won their division every single season.

This is no coincidence. Greg Maddux has been the heart and soul of the Atlanta Braves and the key to their remarkable string of success.

From 1992 through 1995, he won the Cy Young award as the best pitcher in baseball—4 years in a row. No other pitcher has ever accomplished that—and I doubt anyone else ever will.

He finished the 1990s with a 2.54 earned run average for the decade. Only two pitchers had posted a better ERA over a decade since 1910—Hoyt Wilhelm and Sandy Koufax. That's pretty good company. And in 1995, Maddux became the first pitcher to log back-to-back seasons with an ERA under 1.80.

From 1990 through 2001—12 consecutive years—Greg won the National League Gold Glove as the league's best-fielding pitcher.

He pitched nine scoreless innings in game one of the 1995 World Series, leading the Braves over the Cleveland Indians.